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For: A METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING	)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to the examination of the above-identified application and accompanies a request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) to file a continuation application based on Serial No. 08/989,195, filed December 11, 1997, now pending.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

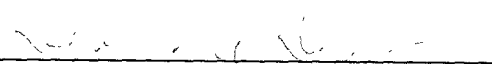
Page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 08/989,195, filed December 11, 1997, now pending, which is a continuation of International Patent Application No. PCT/US97/04479, filed March 20, 1997, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/013,706, filed March 20, 1996, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

**REMARKS**

By the present communication, the specification has been amended to set forth the priority claim in connection with the instantly filed application. No new matter is introduced by this Preliminary Amendment. No fee is believed necessary in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of such fee, or credit any overpayment of the same to Deposit Account No. 07-1074.

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